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# LOWESTOFT PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY.

## ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1941.

1. Shipping entering the Port during the Year 1941.

### TABLE A.

| Number inspected | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| By the Medical Officer of Health | By the Sanitary Inspector | Number reported to be defective | Number of vessels on which defects were remedied | Number of vessels reported as having or having had during the voyage infectious disease on board. |
| - | 22 | 5 | 5 | - |

### TABLE C.

Cases of infectious sickness landed from vessels .. .. None

### TABLE D.

Cases of infectious sickness occurring on vessels during the voyage but disposed of prior to arrival .. .. .. .. .. .. None

No case of Plague, Cholera, Yellow Fever, Smallpox or Typhus occurred on any vessel during its voyage to this Port.

There has been no change during the year in the administration of the Port Sanitary Regulations, 1933, or in the measures taken against rodents, the arrangements for which have been fully described in previous years.

### RATS DESTROYED DURING THE YEAR

### TABLE E.

(1) On Vessels.

| Number of rats | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apl. | May | June | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Total in Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Destroyed | 40 | 15 | - | - | 14 | - | 55 | 17 | 45 | 50 | 14 | - | 250 |
| Examined | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Infected with Plague | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

The above figures are of necessity estimated due to boats leaving for sea immediately after disinfestation work had been carried out.

During the year the Corporation Rat Catcher carried out disinfestation by means of poisoning and trapping on 17 boats, this work entailing 60 visits.

TABLE F.

(2) In Docks, Quays, Wharves and Warehouses.

It is regretted that again no figures are available of the number of rats destroyed in the docks, quays wharves and warehouses from the London and North Eastern Railway Company. The Company has ownership of all the dock premises and warehouses, employing their own rat catcher who attends at the docks for at least two days in each month.

TABLE H.

Lowestoft is not a port approved by the Minister of Health for the issue of Deratisation Certificates.

HYGIENE OF CREW'S SPACES.

TABLE J.

Classification of Nuisances.

| Number of vessels inspected during Year. | Defects of original construction | Structural defects through wear and tear | Dirt, vermin and other conditions prejudicial to health |
|---|---|---|---|
| 22 | - | - | 5 |

FOOD INSPECTION

(1) Action taken under the Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937, the Public Health (Preservatives, etc. in Food) Regulations, 1925 to 1939, the Public Health (Imported Milk) Regulations, 1926, and the Public Health (Shellfish) Regulations, 1934.

With the exception of fish there is very little importation of food to the port. During the year, 2 tons 1 cwt. 14 lbs of fish were surrendered as being unfit for human consumption.

(2) Shellfish

There are no shellfish beds in this area.

(3) Number of samples of food examined by :-

(a) Bacteriologist .. .. nil

(b) Analyst .. .. .. .. nil

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